



LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

# NEWSletter

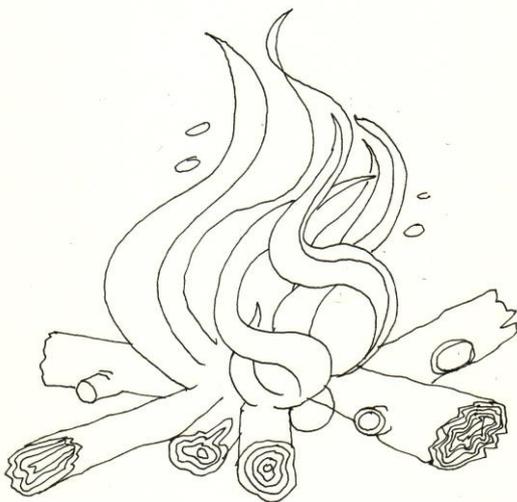
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## The New Season Begins...

On Sunday September 30th eight people gathered in the Foal Hurst car park ready to expend some energy and have a good work out. This year we have leapt straight into coppicing at a location on the left of the path just before reaching the Wetland. The day was sunny and quite warm for the last day of September. While we would normally make log-piles and dead-hedges with the spoil, this year I was approached by Nick Hale from the South-East Rivers Trust requesting the spoil for a project he will be working on, to slow the flow of the Lesser Teise. The idea is that the wood we fell will be sunk into the river to build baffles for the water to flow through reducing the speed of the water and creating new areas of habitat for the aquatic wildlife.

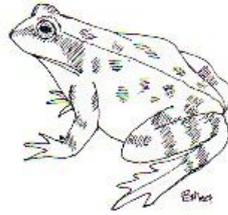
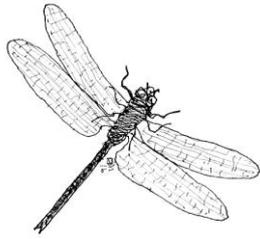
I had thought when I first wrote about this in the last newsletter that it might entail less work for us but I now find that it is probably harder for us to move the wood to where Nick can haul it away, than it was for us to make dead-hedges and log-piles. However, we managed to create two large piles of felled saplings which Nick will haul away as soon as he is able to start the work on the Teise. As a result, at the end of the day we were ready for the chainsaw to come in and start felling the bigger trees. We are fortunate that the area we are coppicing is close to the main path so it will not be too difficult to bring in some machinery to remove the logs etc.



A volunteer by the name of Terry turned up for the first time making a valued addition to the usual crowd. Terry heard about us from Ray Moon and it is possible he will also be able to contribute on a Wednesday in addition to the usual volunteer days.

Someone lit a fire by the bench at the wetland at the weekend of 25/6th August but fortunately very little damage was done. Another fire was made the following weekend at the bench just before the wetland and again on the night of the 30th Sept. There was no damage on either of these subsequent occasions but it is beginning to look as though there is a new trend.

# FHW NEWS letter



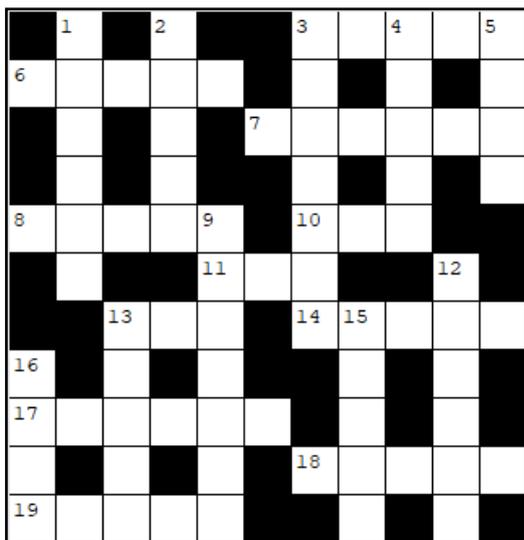
Wildlife continues to thrive into October as frogs, dragonflies and many small mammals continued to roam through the start of autumn. However as it starts to grow colder at night most of these creatures will disappear until next spring so enjoy them while you can.

**Next volunteer's day will be on Sunday October 28th when we will be coppicing again.  
See you at 09.30 in the Badsell Road car park.**

Remember that this is the day the clocks change so you can have a lie in.

*Peter Prince*

## FHW Crossword No 137



**Clues Across** 3 Across & down. New Use for Spoil, (5,7).

6. See 1 down. 7. Continent, (6). 8. Seat, (5).

10. Auction item, (3). 11. Mineral, (3). 13. Impair, (3).

14. Coppiced material, (5). 17. See 5 down.

18. See 12 down. 19. Squirrels nests, (5).

**Clues Down** 1&6 across. Local river, (6,5). 2. Savoury

Jelly, (5). 3. See 3 across. 4. Foolish person, (5). 5 & 17

across. Normal use for 'spoil', (4,6). 9. Big wasps, (7).

12 & 18 across. Subjects for the chainsaws, (6,5).

13. Biting insect, (5). 15. Tree fruits, (5). 16. Hut, (3).

### Solutions to FHW Crossword No 136

**Across** 3 & 22 Common Lizard. 8. Caw. 9. Decorate.

10. Eve. 11. Mr. 13. Gnat. 14. Does. 15. By. 17. Bar.

18. Chick. 20. Eau. 21. Three.

**Down** 1 & 7 across. Golding Homes. 2. Deer. 4. Osier.

5. Mice. 6. Newt. 11. May. 12. Benches. 15. Brier.

16. Dell. 17. Buzz. 19. HaHa.

### **Any News?**

Items for the next issue by

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